

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-MAY 10, 2004

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Haddad, Hawkins, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer, Thorkelson

Absent: Redding

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of April 26, 2004 as presented.

Motion so passed. Mr. Thorkelson abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

No citizens appeared to be heard.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill Including the UConn Consent Order, Public Participation Relative to the Consent Order and Well Testing

Town Manager said that on-going materials were in the packet regarding the landfill interim monitoring program.

2. Pledge of Allegiance at Town Council Meetings

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective May 10, 2004 the Council would schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on May 24, 2004 to solicit public comment on the question of whether the Town Council should recite the pledge of allegiance at the start of each Council meeting.

So passed. Ms. Blair voted no.

3. University Spring Weekend

The Town Manager announced that the staff has been meeting with the police to discuss the weekend and is pulling together a complete report. Council members would like a total cost, volunteer hours and activity for the weekend. Council would like a work plan to accomplish goals to scale back Spring Weekend. Suggestion to have a subcommittee of substance abuse Task Force to discuss the entire weekend. Question asked if local hospitals had to pay overtime for the staff at the hospital and the paramedic staff from the hospital. All of this information will be pulled together and reported back to the Council.

V. NEW BUSINESS

4. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2003.

Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective May 10, 24, to refer the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2003 to the Finance Committee.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Thorkelson seconded that item 6A be placed on the agenda, "Quarterly Financial Report".

So passed unanimously.

5. Proclamation designating June as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the Town of Mansfield

Ms. Blair moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded that effective May 10, 2004, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the month of June 2004 as Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month in the Town of Mansfield.

So passed unanimously.

6. Agreement between the Town of Mansfield and VNA East

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded that effective May 10, 2004, to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and execute the proposed agreement between the Town of Mansfield and VNA East for the provision of certain medical services.

Mr. Kevin Grunwald, Director of Social Services, discussed the fee payment schedule with the Council.

So passed unanimously.

6A. Quarterly Financial Statement-First Quarter 2004.

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Clouette seconded that effective May 10, 2004, to refer the Quarterly Financial Report for the First Quarter of 2004 to the Financial Committee.

So passed unanimously.

VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Council thanked the Housing Authority for sending minutes of their meeting.

VII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEESVIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson and Mr. Paulhus attended the League of Women Voters dinner meeting with Attorney General Blumenthal.

IX. TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

There are two new publications from the Mansfield Community Center.

Town Manager handed out the CCM notice on passage of bills in the State Legislature.

Town Manager noted Town Clerk had received from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks her first entry into the Municipal Clerks Academy

The Regional #19 Board of Education will be discussing the possibility of use of the Reynolds School as an alternate school.

The Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at the MMSchool at 8:00 p.m.

The staff will be developing a comprehensive report on rental properties and concerns of them in Mansfield.

Discussion on the concern that there were no bathroom facilities at Southeast Park. Portable bathrooms have now been set there.

The Budget is now on the website.

Mr. Hart, Assistant Town Manager, is working with the Correctional facility to supply a roadside cleanup crew and supervisor from the Bergin Correctional facility.

May 21 at 6:00 p.m. there is a volunteer recognition dinner at the Fire Department in Eagleville.

X. FUTURE AGENDAS

Open Space-McDaniels property.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 7. Mansfield Downtown Partnership-Visitor and Information Guide to Mansfield
- 8. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Analysis: General Assembly Adopted Mid-Term Budget Adjustments-Impact on Mansfield
- 9. University of Connecticut Notice of Availability Environmental Impact Evaluation-Burton Family Football Complex and Intramural, Recreational and Intercollegiate Athletic Facility.
- 10. Office of Policy and Management re: 2002 Equalized Net Grand List

11. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities State Regulation Bulletin-FOIC Rejects Ruling #94
12. R. Miller re: UConn's Hazardous Waste Storage Site Advisory Committee
13. M. Hart re: Bergin C.I. Community Notification System
14. L. Hultgren re: Crew Work Schedule-2004 Construction Season
15. C. van Zelm re: March 30, 2004 Progress Report for the Downtown Mansfield Revitalization and Enhancement Project.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

So passed unanimously.

At 9:00 p.m. Mr. Thorkelson moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting.

So passed unanimously.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m. Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk